

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2000  
MAG Offices  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman  
Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Vice Chairman  
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale  
\* Mayor John Keegan, Peoria

\* Not present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Neil Giuliano at 12:20 p.m.

2. Approval of December 6, 1999 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny moved, Mayor Skip Rimsza seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the December 6, 1999 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3. Follow-up to the January 7, 2000 Regional Council Retreat

James M. Bourey reviewed the summary of discussion items from the Retreat: Proceed with the Management Committee Retreat recommendations; seat Apache Junction at the Management Committee and Regional Council with no voting status or membership; bring to the Regional Council an opportunity to vote on allowing a second ADOT Board member participation on the Regional Council and whether that representative will have a separate vote; do not add associate members; the Executive Director will bring options for private sector involvement in MAG to the Regional Council; no change in size or makeup of the governing board, other than Apache Junction and ADOT.

Mr. Bourey handed out a draft memorandum on options for the second State Transportation Board member. Mayor Rimsza stated that the sense of the body at the Retreat was that both State Transportation Board members would participate, but the number of votes would need discussion. Mayor Rimsza noted that this issue could be determined in 2 separate votes at the next Regional Council meeting. He said that in the first part, members be asked to vote on the second ADOT Board member's participation. After the participation was determined, a vote could decide whether the second member would receive a separate vote. He said that staff could then work out any structural modifications resulting from the decisions. Mayor Scruggs noted that according to the By-Laws, weighted voting for ADOT will always be one vote.

Mr. Bourey stated that Apache Junction would participate in the Regional Council and Management Committee, as a non-voting non-member. He indicated that an amendment to the By-Laws is not needed.

Mr. Bourey stated that options for private sector involvement would be explored in the coming year. He handed out copies of the Governor's State of the State address given on January 10th and a letter from the Governor to Vision 21 Task Force Co-chairs Martin Shultz and Sharon Megdal. Mayor Rimsza commented on perceptions of parochialism within MAG. Mayor Scruggs stated that ADOT supported the compromise motion made by Mayor Mark Schnepf setting aside SOV lanes. She commented on the inaccurate reporting in the newspaper. Mr. Bourey stated that at the time, Mary Peters had not taken a position, but has since recommended only HOV lanes be constructed. Mayor Rimsza stated that this would be an appropriate time to state MAG's position. He suggested a letter be drafted on this issue.

Chairman Giuliano indicated that Mr. Bourey could articulate the circumstances on HOV lanes to the Regional Council. Mayor Tibshraeny requested that MAG counsel check that SOV lanes were not voted down. Mayor Rimsza commented that the vote was not against SOV lanes, but to move ahead on the freeway system. Dennis Smith explained the issue of taking the retaining walls back to the ultimate. He stated that moving them once at a cost of an additional \$5.7 million would save money in the event the walls would need to be moved again to accommodate another corridor. Mayor Rimsza stated that traffic diverting onto other freeways relieves much of the traffic congestion before approaching the ramp.

Chairman Giuliano stated that the size of the area where the ramp is planned at the 101 and US 60 is insufficient to accommodate HOV and SOV lanes. He said a bus trip is being organized to demonstrate this fact. Mayor Rimsza noted that ADOT needs to state they agree that there is not enough room.

#### 4. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that the Co-chairs and the Steering Committee met and had a major discussion on finalizing the report. Mr. Bourey said the final meeting of the full Committee is scheduled for early February 2000, when additional comments on the document will be discussed. The report will be modified to include any comments and then distributed. The report will be presented to the Regional Council for consideration of the recommendations and goals. Mr. Bourey stated that the report would be used as a vehicle to go forward with a public/private partnership. Mr. Bourey stated that a statistically valid survey is still needed to get a broad-based representation of the entire community. Mr. Bourey stated that private contributions of approximately \$50,000 have been received in various forms. Mayor Rimsza asked if the project was close to completion. Mr. Bourey replied that it was. He said that additional discussion on the private sector involvement is needed.

5. Annual Evaluation of the MAG Executive Director

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director on January 21, 1997 provided that the Regional Council review and evaluate the performance of the Executive Director at least annually prior to the annual salary review.

Mayor Scruggs moved, Mayor Rimsza seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recess the regular Executive Committee meeting to conduct an Executive Session and to reconvene the regular meeting for possible action to make recommendations relating to the annual evaluation and salary review of the MAG Executive Director. The authority for such an Executive Session is A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

The meeting was adjourned for the Executive Session at 12:40 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary